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SUBJECT: INTERIM DECISIONS OF WMO TECHNICAL COMMISSION
COSAMC ON WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM

1. THE COMMISSION REVIEWED ITS DOC. 22, WHICH OUTLINES PROPOSED DIVISION OF EFFORT FOR CARRYING OUT WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM (WCP) UNDER THREE CATEGORIES: DATA AND SERVICES; RESEARCH; AND IMPACT STUDIES. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL PRESENTED ORALLY NEW PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE SYG, WHICH COULD TRANSFER THE SERVICES FUNCTION TO THE IMPACT STUDIES; AND DIVIDE THE IMPACT STUDIES INTO TWO PARTS, TRANSFERRING THOSE RELATING TO MAN'S IMPACT ON CLIMATE INTO THE RESEARCH CATEGORY. OTHER LESS IMPORTANT SHIFTS WERE PRESENTED DURING THE DEBATE.

2. AT THE END OF THE COMMITTEE DEBATE, THE PREPONDERANT VIEW SEEMED TO BE TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF DOC. 22. THE GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS OUTSIDE ITS OWN SPHERE OF COMPETENCE, BUT SHOULD SET UP APPROPRIATE WORKING GROUPS AND RAPORTEURS TO DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE CLIMATE PROBLEM COMING WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS CONCERN THAT COSAMC
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SHOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE WCP. MOST SPEAKERS FELT THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NEXT WMO CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE WCP.

3. THE USDEL HAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED THESE VIEWS, WHICH WERE ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION CLEARLY REJECTED THE INFORMAL PROPOSALS MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT. IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS AT THE MEXICO CITY MEETING OF THE ICSU/WMO JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (WHICH WERE REPORTED HERE INFORMALLY), THE ABOVE VIEWS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE SOVIET VIEW-POINT. THERE MAY BE SOME DOUBT ON THIS POINT, AS THE VIEWS OF THE WMO SYG HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY MOSCOW.
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